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Huking, Xiangsi, Aug 22, 1921

Dear Alice:-

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It is finally settled that Miss Chaffee and I are not to look after the horse, colt and goat. They are dead. That happened since the Draffins came up here for their summer vacation. One reason we did not want to look after them was because we were afraid something like this would happen.

Thank you for the letter about your graduation. You must have looked fine in the different colored dresses. Was the organ in your dress already tucked or did the piece you sent happen to be tucked?

These days I am just as lazy as can be. But this week I am going to ice a birthday cake and if that turns out well I am going to have a chance to ice a real wedding cake. I try to study several hours each day also and perhaps walk an hour or more each day. But once in a while one is called on to do the most peculiar things. Mr. Quick was right when he said that a missionary needs to know a little of everything.

Today a letter came from Mrs. Bannan. They are having a fine time up there on the sea shore. She said the children were getting so tanned. However that would be becoming to them according to my opinion as they were so pale. The baby is five months old today and she said that she has her first tooth.

Do you remember Chester Rutledge? Perhaps Isabelle would remember both he and his wife. They are on their way out to help Dr. Kellar in his work. So there may be a chance for me to see them again. It is possible some parts of the year to go from Changteh to Changsha by launch in one day's time.

Also do you remember the time we went to Visalia together when I was working in the cannery in Euter. Miss Mable Cutler was one of those there that day. She came out to China for a short time and then went back I do not know why. But she is coming back again in the fall. Miss Kämpfeffer who was with her then and she has now been an osteopathic doctor in Shanghai about four years.

As to my sending you your linen ware you must remember your

older sister is a missionary. However you might like a piece right now so I will send you one piece for graduation present and probably Christmas present combined. As you are not using lunch cloths it is for another purpose.

Miss Chaffee is back from the hospital and is getting much better. She gained four pounds the first eight days after coming back. However she may not be able to go back to Changteh in September.

Aug. 24. A letter came from Mother again today and I will try to answer it soon. There is a stack of letters on hand for me to answer. I am afraid to count them for I am sure there must be over twenty. This is not a very good place to get letters written. One came this morning with things to sign for five dollars I must sign for the second this week. This is unusual of course. But I was so enthusiastic about the gate-keeper's daughter they probably think I should pay her tuition this year. Also if Miss Chaffee does not go back to Changteh in September I am going to have to pay for the whole time of the other daughter for teacher. This is the twenty-fifth and a letter came this morning from the Mr. Keller and contained a twenty-five dollar check from the Baptist church. I may use that to pay my teacher. She has had two years of Bible training so when she is not helping me with the language she can go out visiting with me and do a lot of other such things in connection with the work there in the church. We do want to keep her and ever since I met her somehow my heart has been set on employing her as a my own personal helper in taking meetings and in visiting and teaching for she really is well trained. That check would enough to keep her for eight months. You see we do not pay Chinese helpers very much. When Miss Chaffee and I go to housekeeping we expect to pay them each six dollars a month Mexican money and they will be supposed to pay their food out of that. Just now one dollar home money is not quite two dollars Mexican. This may be telling tales out of school. Tell the folks I will try to get their letters answered soon.

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P.S. I can not get to the post office to mail that package today so will send it on letter.

Aug. 24, 1921

China Inland Mission,
Yangchow,
Kiangsu, China.
February 28, 1921.

Dear Mrs. Todd,

Will you mind receiving a greeting from a missionary you have never met? I can't hear you say, "no" - so I will just say, "Good day! I am a friend of your dear Hagel's and have been so interested in all she told me about her home and in all she said about you." What a blessed thing it is to have a Christian mother and a Christian home! I know because I am thus blessed myself.

Hagel is a darling and a

2. real credit to any bringing up. Her prayers and her sweet words of Christian comfort, her simple faith, and beautiful, practical grasp of Scripture have all been a great blessing to me. We have to quote texts at breakfast every morning. I just love the way Hazel says hers.

This is a wonderful Home! The Lord is here! We are all getting a real blessing for our souls. May the Lord bless you and Mr. Todd and all those sisters and brothers Hazel is so proud of and loves so much!

Here is a verse for you that Hazel has made a new verse to me, two verses in fact: "Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanks giving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4: 6, 7.

Your loving friend,
Carrie G. Andrews.

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